

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 and 4-7 have been amended to replace the terms “heat insulating means” with “heat insulating material.”

Claims 1-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0166680 to Ogino et al. For the following reasons the rejection is respectfully traversed.

Regarding claim 1, the Ogino publication does not teach every limitation of the claim, namely “heat insulating material made from an expandable synthetic resin,” as required. Paragraph 0064 of Ogino describes “an elastic body 14 of rubber or foamed resin member,” which is cited by the Examiner as the heat insulating material. There is no disclosure in Ogino of whether the rubber or foamed resin member is natural or synthetic in nature. Therefore, Ogino does not teach, expressly or implicitly, the use of a expandable synthetic resin, as specifically required by claim 1. Therefore, since every limitation of claim 1 is not taught by Ogino, claim 1 and its dependent claims 2-9 are not fully anticipated under 35 U.S.C. 102. It is noted that claims 1-9 have not been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) and therefore, the issue of nonobviousness has not been addressed herein.

In consideration of the foregoing analysis, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and notice to that effect is hereby requested. If it is determined that the application is not in a condition for allowance, the examiner is invited to initiate

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a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. NGB 38370.

Respectfully submitted,

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